

Sentencing
4/25/19

VICTIM IMPACT STATEMENT

My name is Abrielle Gumbs and my mother Paige Anne Bennett was murdered on the evening of June 2nd 2009. I was seventeen years old at the time. Her sudden and violent death has had a tremendous impact on my life.

Words cannot express the pain and anguish our family and friends have endured since her murder. It's a pain that never goes away. There is no closure. There is no moving on. There is absolutely nothing, not even his conviction and sentencing that makes me feel better.

The defendant's decision to take the life of another human being with no regard for the affect it may have on others is unimaginable. The loss of my mother at just 46 years old is incomprehensible. There will be no more birthday parties, backyard gatherings, holiday celebrations or other family activities to share. The laughter, hugs, guidance, advice, sense of security and opportunities to say "I love you." are forever gone.

I stand before you today a broken person, a person who grieves the loss of my mother. Not only for myself but also for my brother and sister, my aunts and uncles and all of my moms many friends. But especially for my children, nieces and nephews that will never know the amazing kind loving person their grandmother was.

Almost 10 years ago you made a choice that ripped my family apart. As my mother lay dead on the floor you packed up your clothes and your gun and you left. You made multiple phone calls but did not attempt to call 911 until almost two hours after you shot my mother.

My mom's death made it very hard to keep my faith. It made me question how something so bad could happen to someone so good. I often think about what the last moments of her life were like. I have an overwhelming sadness and a hole in my heart that can never be filled.

This man gave my mom a death sentence. I believe the sentence being imposed by the courts is unfair. The judicial system is flawed and it failed my family. But I take comfort in knowing that you will pay for your crimes fully, if not in this life then in the next.

On behalf of my family, the family of Paige, I wish to convey my sincerest gratitude for allowing this opportunity of expression.

Good morning/Afternoon your Honor
my name is Mona Papin friend of
family some would say best friend of Paige
I would like to say thank you for
allowing me to speak.

This murder/crime was committed
almost 10 yrs ago and the defendant
has no remorse for this crime and
has moved on with life but the
children ^{and family} of Paige were teenagers
and young adults who needed their
mom to help guide them into
adulthood and parenting.

Paige met 2 of her 9 ~~sons~~
be 10 grandchildren and they were
too young to remember!

She will never see her grandkids
play football, cheerleading, girls scouts etc.

She will never see short plays or
sports. Never will she be able to
hug & love on them or her children

Instead they move forward with
scars that are always there, pain
that never goes away, emptiness for
their mom and her love.

I see her children long for there
mom and I can only try to be of
comfort as I am not Paige.

Along with her children there are many friends and family that will never forget her and her way of making you smile.

The many people she met as patients and friends have that loss. Coworkers who are still in awe that ~~her~~ she is gone.

None of us don't feel that pain daily. I hope that the court will finally give justice to the man who said "Love, honor, and protect. Then brutally shot her in the head at point blank range! Ran then returned after speaking with friends. I do have some knowledge of firearms and he's full of it to say accidental. He didn't have a permit to carry and the weapon was in his vehicle - crime!

He wasn't there with the children as they walked in the house to find what no person should ever see!

I could go on but none of this will bring her back!

To whom it may concern;

My name is Marc Jacques and I am the son of Paige Bennett. It is my opinion that Chyung should stay in jail for the rest of his life. I feel as though I was given a life sentence of misery because I am constantly haunted by thoughts about the nature of my mother's death. I do not feel safe that Chyung could get out of jail. I do not want a killer on the streets in the same world as my children. My life has been forever scarred by Chyung's actions. Please do not let the system fail my family. The idea that Chyung could be out of jail any any time soon is very damaging to my psychological state of being. Chyung ended my mother's life and in that moment he should have permanently forfeited his freedom.

State v. Chihan Eric Chyung
Docket # KNL-CR09-0108545-T

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Dear Honorable Judge,

My name is Leah Gumbs and I am one of Paige Anne Bennett's 3 children

On June 2, 2009 just days before my 20th birthday the defendant maliciously and consciously shot my mother in her forehead, he had my beautiful mother backed into a corner with no chance for escape.

My siblings and I will always wonder why the defendant felt compelled to commit this senseless act of violence. I honestly feel my family will never get a true explanation of what happened that night, because the defendant doesn't have a care in the world for anyone other than himself.

I have been traumatized both physically and emotionally by her murder, and I feel as though I am continually being victimized by having to keep reliving this nightmare in court. While nothing will ever be able to give me my mother back, I want the chance to start to move forward. That can't happen until there is a final judgement. This tragedy has caused my family pain and anguish that will never go away. Will there ever be closure? Will there ever be anything that will make me feel better? I won't have the chance to even see if those things are possible for me until this case is over. My family deserves to move forward.

My mom was never given the chance to watch her 10 grandchildren grow up. Some weren't even born yet when. Yesterday was her birthday which is shared with my little girl. My daughter never gets to know the excitement of sharing her special day with her grandmother. Mom won't be there for birthdays, holidays or any family gatherings. She is not just a phone call away when I need my mother's advice. This horrendous crime has made it so my mother can not hug me when I'm sad or celebrate with me when exciting new things happen. I will never again be able to see her beautiful red hair , her freckled skin , green eyes or her compassionate smile. I will never hear her contagious laughter and will never be able to tell her "I love you" ever again. The defendant took all of this away from not just me, but my family, and all of the people who adored her.

I want to address the defendant directly

On June 2nd it will be 10 years since the day you committed a crime that destroyed my family. After you beat and shot my mother you left her dead on the floor. You took your gun and your possessions and did not call 911 until hours later. This was not an accident , you needed to come up with a lie to get away with intentionally killing my mother. You gave my mother a death sentence. Unfortunately there are laws that protect your life and you are not eligible for the death penalty. What is my mother's life worth? At what point do I say, "hey I guess that's enough time to make up for the LIFETIME we get to live without her"? Never.

Leah Gumbs